

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed and considered the Office Action mailed on February 26, 2002, and the references cited therewith.

Claims 42 and 59 are amended, claim 48 is canceled, and claims 72-79 are added; as a result, claims 42, 43, 59 and 72-99 are now pending in this application.

§112 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 48 and 59 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention.

Applicant has added new independent claim 72 and amended claim 59 to depend from claim 72. Claim 48 has been cancelled without prejudice.

§102 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 42-43 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a, b or e) as being clearly anticipated by Admitted prior art.

Claim 42 has been amended to distinguish more clearly from the Office Action's assertion concerning "Admitted prior art."

New Claims

New claims 72 through 99 have been added to more completely claim Applicant's invention.

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

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Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney (612- 373-6970) to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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